Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member the reasons, if any, that led to the largest number of murder cases in the Minachil taluk?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Personally I think, Sir, that knifing is rather common in the taluk and also that it is due to the large number of liquor shops.

Murder cases that ended in acquittal.

33. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of murder cases in which accuseds were acquitted by the High Court during the last twelve years, for want of evidence?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: 35.

(The answer was given also in Malayalam.)

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഇത്രയധികം കേസുകൾ തെളിവിൽ വരാതിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ കുറവോ അതല്ല നീതിന്യായാധിപന്മാരുടെ കുറവോ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: It is very difficult to tell whether it is due to the fault of the department or the courts or subornation of witnesses or clever lawyers that the number of convictions has been what it is. There are so many elements, as I said, that help or hinder convictions.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെപേരിൽ ഈ കുറവു മുഴുവനുംകൊണ്ടു് മെമ്പർക്കു് വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Most certainly.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether the investigations were satisfactorily done with regard to these cases?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Not so satisfactorily as I should like to have it done.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: If not what steps have been taken by the Commissioner to have a better prosecution of criminal cases?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Every possible step has been taken and if I start to adumbrate all that has been done it would be a lecture.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether he has been satisfied with the kind of stuff that is available in the department?

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Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Some of them are very good stuff.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government have called for judgments of such cases which ended in acquittal, for perusal?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I think, Sir, they have.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know for what purpose these judgments were called for by Government?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: It is just to see how these cases fare in the trial and also to see whether there are any defects brought to light in the matter of prosecution or investigation.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know what are the conclusions arrived at by Government?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I have no information on that.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether there were any remarks on the Police passed by the High Court Judges?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: In some cases there were.

Mr P. Padmanabhan Tampi: What steps has the Commissioner taken on these remarks?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Proper correctives have been applied.

Traffic Inspectors.

34. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualification in full of each of the Traffic Inspectors of the State;

(*b*) their pay per mensem and the travelling allowance they get per mensem;

(*c*) the qualifications and pay and travelling allowance per mensem of the local Inspectors recruited at present; and

(*d*) the travelling allowance given per mensem to the Assistant Superintendents of Police?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: (*a*) and (*b*).* A statement furnishning the information is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 143 and 144.

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